

Subject: We're making it happen in the 13th District
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Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District



Friend --

My colleagues and I voted this week on the City's Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. The Budget provides funding for several key initiatives which I fought for, as well as establishes the framework to increase city services in our neighborhoods and address our homelessness crisis.

I helped secure funding for projects that will benefit the quality of life through safer streets, increase recreational opportunities, and celebrate our communities across our City. Here's a partial list of the funding that I helped secure:

Los Angeles Police Department Northeast Division Station Parking Structure (\$9.68M) - Project will utilize Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles funds to build a structure allowing personnel to park on site. Currently, officers at the Glassell Park facility are leasing a parking lot at a church located a mile away.

Bureau of Engineering Rehabilitation of Descanso Drive (\$2.6M) - The allocation will provide funds for City departments to re-engineer and reconstruct a completely failed street in Silver Lake.

Tunnel and Underpass Lighting Improvement Project (\$500,000) - The Council District 13 initiative will enhance the safety and connectivity of pedestrians and bicyclists in underpasses by upgrading and replacing the existing lighting with new LED lights. Areas impacted include East Hollywood, Echo Park, Historic Filipinotown, Hollywood, and Silver Lake.

Hollywood Community Plan Update Fully Funded - Worked with Council colleagues during the budget process to fully maintain Planning Department positions, and fund the completion of the Hollywood Community Plan update.

Echo Park Skate Park (\$661,000) - CD13 secured funding that will help close the gap to construct a new skate park at the former Echo Park Recreation Center pool. The design is currently underway.

Cultural Heritage Event Funding (\$24,888) - Secured funding to hold citywide Heritage Month events for both Native American and Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender communities at City Hall.

I want to thank all the City Departments, as well as my colleagues on the Budget and Finance Committee, for working with my office to approve these items that will improve public safety, fix our aging infrastructure, and offer even more opportunities for our youth to participate in healthy recreation. I look forward to breaking ground on these projects in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

Mitch O'Farrell

COMING UP

MON 6/6 [RSVP: 'WINNING THE FREEDOM TO MARRY' EXHIBIT AT LA CITY HALL](#)

MON 6/20 [DIVERSITY JOB AND CAREER FAIR AT LACC](#)

SAT/SUN 7/9-7/10 [36TH ANNUAL LOTUS FESTIVAL AT ECHO PARK LAKE](#)

HEADLINES

LAPD faces parking crunch at new facility [[EASTSIDER LA](#)]

Bike lanes planned for Fletcher Drive [[STREETSBLOG](#)]

Hollywood Community Plan update underway [[BEVERLY PRESS](#)]

COUNCILMEMBER O'FARRELL, VOLUNTEERS TAKE OUTREACH EVENT TO ELYSIAN VALLEY



ELYSIAN VALLEY -- Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell welcomed Los Angeles Police Department Captain Arturo Sandoval from Northeast Division, along with members of the Elysian Valley Neighborhood Watch, to a recent Councilmember in Your Corner in Elysian Valley. The community outreach event is an opportunity for the Councilmember and his staff to meet constituents, as well as distribute important contact information for City services. The CD13 Clean Team and the Central City Action Committee also joined the event. Volunteers from the two groups removed bulky items and graffiti.

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CITYWIDE MINIMUM WAGE TO TAKE EFFECT THIS SUMMER

CITY HALL - The Office of Wage Standards (OWS) of the Bureau of Contract Administration is responsible for implementing and administering the guidelines of the Los Angeles Minimum Wage and Minimum Wage Enforcement Ordinances for all workers and businesses in the City of Los Angeles. The OWS ensures that employers in the City comply with the appropriate minimum wage rates specified by the Ordinance through community outreach and investigation of potential wage theft violations to advance labor standards in the City.

The City's official website will have a variety of resources for businesses, including official notification posters in 13 languages, Frequently Asked Questions in six languages, and a non-profit deferral application form. If employers have any additional questions, please contact the toll free hotline at 1-844-WAGESLA or email at wagesla@lacity.org.

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TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE - FLETCHER DRIVE



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GLASSELL PARK - The CD13 Clean Team is hard at work! They recently completed a clean up project in Glassell Park where they removed overgrown weeds and picked up trash and debris on Fletcher Drive between San Fernando Road and Avenue 32. Last year, the Council office worked with North East Trees in order to plant 70 new street trees along Fletcher Drive in CD 13 as part of a new streetscape project. This project will bring much needed improvements to Glassell Park that will beautify the area and greatly improve the safety for all travelers along this corridor.

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GOV BROWN ENDORSES PROP 63 TO HOUSE MORE HOMELESS

CITY HALL - Councilmember O'Farrell updated his status on Facebook following news that Governor Jerry Brown endorsed a plan to bond against Prop 63. "After collaborating with former Cal Senate Pro Tem Darryl Steinberg last Fall, I led an effort for the LA City Council to pass a resolution supporting his plan to bond against Prop 63 for an infusion of up to \$2 billion for monies already guaranteed under the 2004 Mental Health Services Act. The purpose of this bond, and the City's support of it, is to create tens of thousands of new permanent supportive housing units for homeless mentally ill," said O'Farrell. [Read more of his statement here.](#)

LARCHMONT CHARTER SCHOOL 5TH GRADERS LEARN ABOUT CITY GOVERNMENT



CITY HALL -- Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell hosted a group of 5th Grade students from Larchmont Charter School at City Hall. The Councilmember presented the group to his colleagues during a Council meeting, and then the students went on a tour of the nearly century old structure in downtown Los Angeles. If your class is interested in a field trip to City Hall, please call our office at 213-473-7013 for information.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

[Constituents urged to take precautions to prevent infestation of Aedes mosquitoes](#)

[O'Farrell, LAFD unveil Fast Response Vehicle for Echo Park](#)

[Hollywood community celebrates safer pedestrian crossing at Highland Avenue](#)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



GLASSELL PARK - Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell presented certificates to the mothers of Juntos Park. Thank you Pilar, Guadalupe, and Maria for all your help and work in the great 13th District!

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